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SUBJ: ESENBEL CALL ON SISCO

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1. DURING CALL ON ASST SEC SISCO SEPT 6 TURK AMBASSADOR ESENBEL RAISED QUESTION POSSIBILITY PRESIDENT NIXON VISITING ANKARA THIS FALL IN CONNECTION WITH HIS EUROPEAN TRIP. HE SAID THAT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO ANKARA, FONMIN BAYULKEN HAD TOLD HIM ABOUT A CONVERSATION WITH SEC ROGERS IN HELSINKI IN WHICH POSSIBILITY PRESIDENT NIXON'S GOING TO TURKEY DISCUSSED. ESENBEL SAID THAT BAYULKEN APPEARED TO HAVE GOTTEN THE IMPRESSION FROM THIS DISCUSSION THAT SEC ROGERS THOUGHT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE NO PROBLEM. ESENBEL ASKED SISCO WHETHER SEC ROGERS HAD IN FACT BEEN SO POSITIVE ON THIS SUBJECT WITH BAYULKEN. SISCO REPLIED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE AND POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING MIGHT HAVE ARISEN FROM BAYULKEN'S MIS-INTERPRETING SEC ROGERS' GENERAL EXPRESSION OF VIEW AS TO THE DESIRABILITY OF SUCH A VISIT.

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2. ESENBEL SAID THIS WAS AS HE HAD THOUGHT BUT HE AND GOT

FELT THAT A VISIT TO TURKEY WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENT NIXON'S EUROPEAN TOUR. HE COVERED MANY OF THE SAME POINTS COVERED BY BAYULKEN IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB MACOMBER (REFTEL) AND IN PARTICULAR

FACT THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAD INDICATED TO PM ERIM HIS INTENTION VISIT TURKEY WHEN POSSIBLE.

3. SISCO SAID NO ONE QUESTIONS DESIRABILITY AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE OF A VISIT BY PRESIDENT NIXON TO TURKEY BUT THIS MIGHT NOT BE EASY TO FIT INTO PRESIDENT'S EXTREMELY BUSY SCHEDULE. SISCO SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE SUBJECT OF PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO EUROPE AND WHAT STOPS HE WOULD BE MAKING WOULD BE AMONG THOSE TAKEN UP WITH SECRETARY DESIGNATE KISSINGER AFTER HE HAD BEEN SWORN IN. RUSH

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